GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:230
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2008
REVIEW OF AAY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of foodgrains allocated, lifted and distributed under the Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) during each of the last two years and the current year State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has recently reviewed the said scheme;

(c) if so, the details and outcome thereof alongwith the steps taken for streamlining the scheme to ensure that the benefits of the scheme reach the targeted beneficiaries; and

(d) the details of the action taken against officials held responsible for irregularities;if any, in the said scheme during the last two years and the current year,State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS,FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a), (b), (c) & (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF THE STARRED QUESTION NO. 230 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 15.12.2008 IN THE LOK SABHA.

(a),(b),(c)&(d): To further sharpen focus of Targeted Public Distribution System (TPDS) on the poorest of the below poverty line families,as a segment of TPDS, AAY was launched in December 2000. Foodgrains at the rate of 35 kg. pr family per month are being distributed to identified AAY families at highly subsidized prices of Rs.2/- kg wheat and Rs.3/- kg rice in all States and UTs. Initially when the scheme was launched, one crore poorest of poor families were targeted to be covered under it.Subsequently,coverage of the scheme has been expanded thrice during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06,for coverage of estimated additional 50 lakh families each time.As against total estimated 250 lakh families,242.755 lakh AAY families have been covered.

2. Details of foodgrains allocated and lifted under AAY in States and UTs during last two years and current year are enclosed at Annex-I.

3. Apart from monitoring of implementation of AAY as part of TPDS in States and UTs,Government has taken up concurrent evaluation of AAY in 26 States and UTs.Report of concurrent evaluation are sent to concerned State Governments for necessary action.